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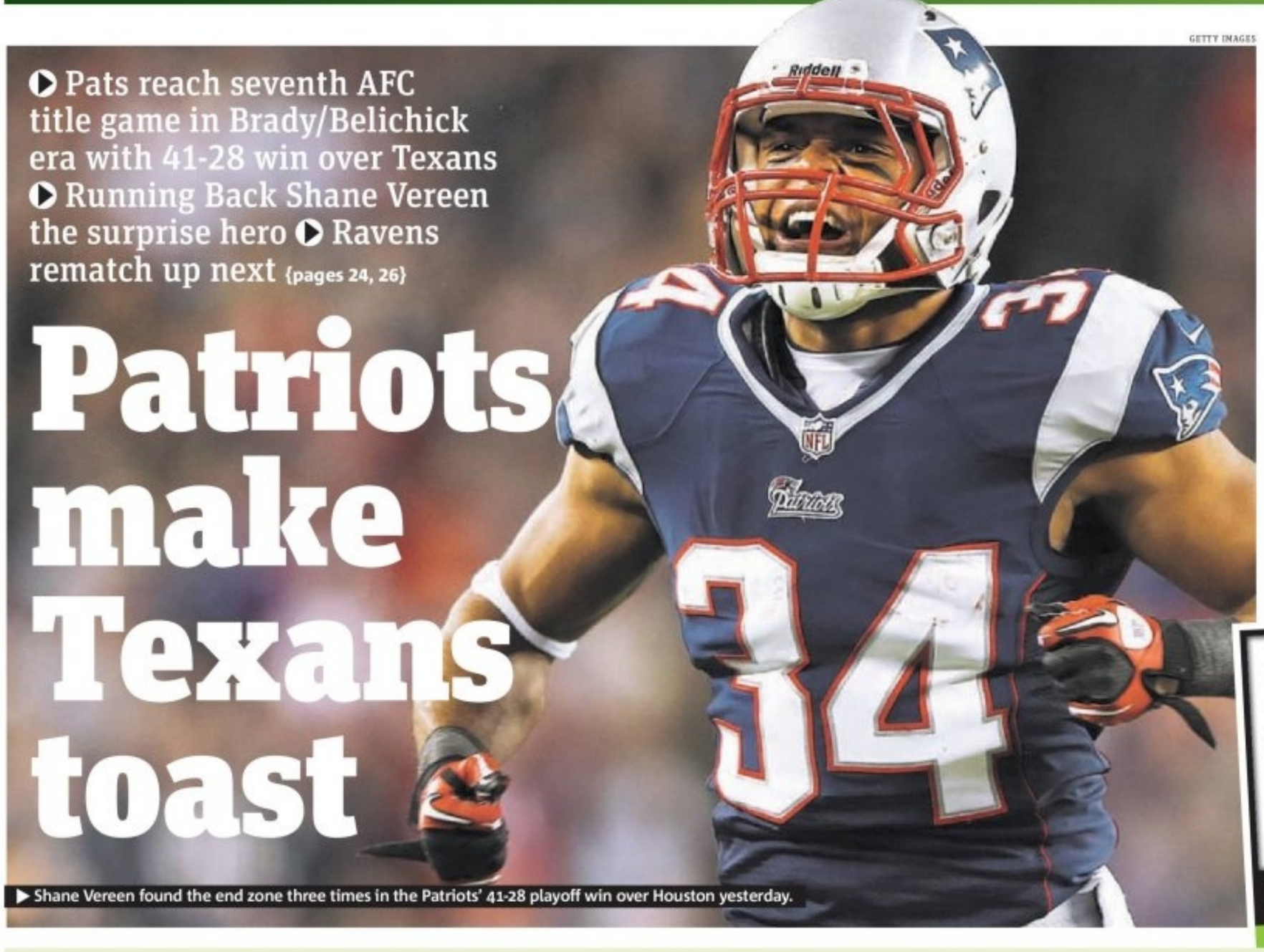

- Pats reach seventh AFC title game in Brady/Belichick era with 41-28 win over Texans
- Running Back Shane Vereen the surprise hero
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Patriots make Texans toast

▶ Shane Vereen found the end zone three times in the Patriots' 41-28 playoff win over Houston yesterday.

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Family blames MIT in suicide

- Internet activist Aaron Swartz hanged himself
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$867K

The dean of New England Law in Boston, John F. O'Brien, makes more than $867,000 in salary and benefits, according to the Globe. He may be the highest-paid law school dean in America. The Globe also reports that the school is not publicly ranked by U.S. News & World Report because it falls "below the U.S. News cutoff."

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Today's local tweet

"I just remembered a really weird dream I had last night. I took the MBTA ride in it. #wtf?"

@SAMLOSO, WHO REALIZED THAT COMMUTERS CAN'T ESCAPE THE T — EVEN IN THEIR DREAMS

In the news

Patrick to give State of the State address this week

MASSACHUSETTS. Gov. Deval Patrick will give his State of the State address Wednesday night.

The speech will lend further insight into his priorities for this two-year legislative session.

Patrick last week announced a string of policy proposals touching on retiree health benefits, unemployment insurance, housing authority consolidation and health insurance fees paid by businesses.

SHNS

Man walking in Dorchester held up with gun

DORCHESTER. A Boston man is due in court today for allegedly trying to rob a man using a gun.

The victim told police that he was walking near Blue Hill Avenue and Harvard Street at about 4 p.m. Saturday when he was approached from behind by a man with a gun.

Fearing that he was going to be robbed, the victim took off running, police said.

Police searched the area and found a man that matched the description of the suspect.

Jameil Hodge, 20, was charged with assault by means of a dangerous weapon. METRO

Tufts students rescued in NH

MEDFORD. Six students from Tufts University had to be rescued after they took a wrong trail while hiking in New Hampshire this weekend.

The students from the school's Mountain Club called 911 at about 6 p.m. Friday and said they were lost after taking a trail that was closed because of damage from Hurricane Irene, according to the New Hampshire Union Leader.

Conservation officers hiked through the White Mountain National Forest at night and used GPS coordinates provided by 911 before finding the students around 2:30 a.m. Saturday. They were all OK. METRO

Internet activist's family blames MIT, Boston prosecutors for suicide

Aaron Swartz was indicted in 2011 for allegedly hacking into MIT's system ◗ Scheduled to go to trial in April ◗ Users flood Internet with tributes, condolences ◗ MIT president: Pained if MIT played role in death

The suicide of an Internet activist sparked countless outcries on the Web and calls for the ouster of the top federal prosecutor in Boston, a protest at MIT and the free sharing of documents online.

Aaron Swartz, the 26-year-old Internet sharing activist who co-founded Demand Progress and the Internet news subscription program RSS, hanged himself Friday in his New York apartment, according to a statement posted online Saturday by his family and partner.

Swartz was indicted in federal court in Boston in 2011 for allegedly hacking into a Massachusetts Institute of Technology database with the aim of freely sharing millions of journal articles online. His trial was scheduled to begin in April.

In the statement, Swartz's loved ones took aim at federal authorities and MIT and partially blame them for his suicide.

"Aaron's death is not simply a personal tragedy. It is the product of a criminal justice system rife with intimidation and prosecutorial overreach," his family and partner said in the statement. "Decisions made by officials in the Massachusetts U.S. attorney's office and at MIT contributed to his death. The U.S. attorney's office pursued an exceptionally harsh array of charges, carrying potentially over 30 years in prison, to punish an alleged crime that had no victims. Meanwhile, unlike JSTOR, MIT refused to stand up for Aaron and its own community's most cherished principles."

A spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office told Reuters they wanted to respect the family's privacy and did "not feel it is appropriate to comment on the case at this time."

In a letter e-mailed to the MIT community yesterday afternoon, MIT President L. Rafael Reif called Swartz a "gifted young man well-known and admired by many in the MIT community."

"I want to express very clearly that I and all of us at MIT are extremely saddened by the death of this promising young man who touched the lives of so many. It pains me to think that MIT played any role in a series of events that have ended in tragedy," Reif wrote.

Swartz faced up to 35 years in prison and a fine of $1 million if convicted of charges including wire fraud, computer fraud, unlawfully obtaining information and recklessly damaging a protected computer.

It was alleged that Swartz broke into a restricted computer wiring closet in a basement at MIT in order to download a major portion of archived digitized academic journals onto his computer.

The journals were part of JSTOR, a paid subscription database used to access millions of primary sources. Some universities pay as much as $50,000 for an annual subscription.

Prosecutors said that Swartz intended to distribute millions of documents from JSTOR's archive through other file-sharing sites.

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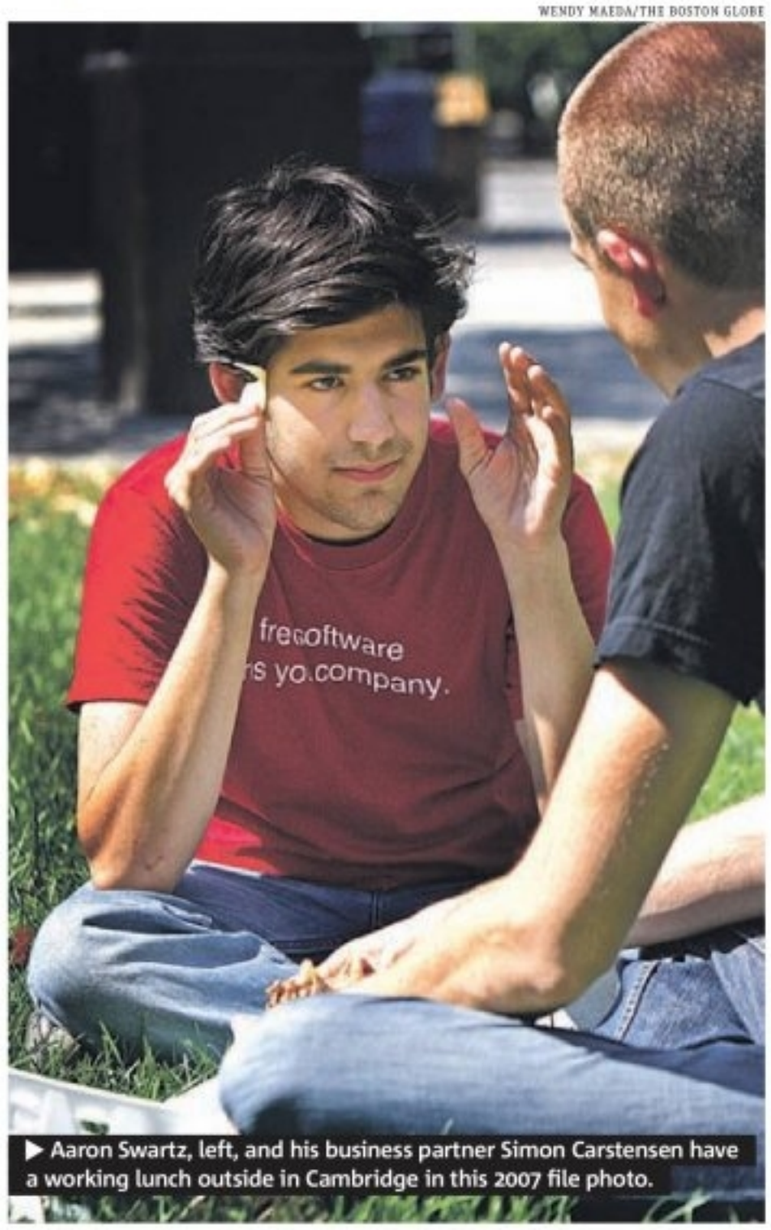

▶ Aaron Swartz, left, and his business partner Simon Carstensen have a working lunch outside in Cambridge in this 2007 file photo.

Quoted

"Aaron was always and only working for [at least his conception of] the public good. He was brilliant and funny — a kid genius."

LAWRENCE LESSIG, DIRECTOR OF HARVARD'S EDMOND J. SAFRA CENTER FOR ETHICS

Activist's death stirs activism

Shortly after Swartz's death, people took to the Internet to express their outrage.

By yesterday afternoon, more than 7,000 people had signed an online White House petition to remove Carmen Ortiz, the U.S. attorney for the District of Massachusetts, for "overreach in the case of Aaron Swartz."

On Twitter, authors of journal articles began posting their work using the hashtag #pdftribute.

Biography

- According to Swartz's website, he was the founder of Demand Progress, a political action committee that campaigns on various online and privacy issues.
- He was also a fellow at Harvard's Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics.
- Swartz helped found and develop Reddit. He helped create the Internet news subscription program RSS at age 14.

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Boy, 13, shot on way to church

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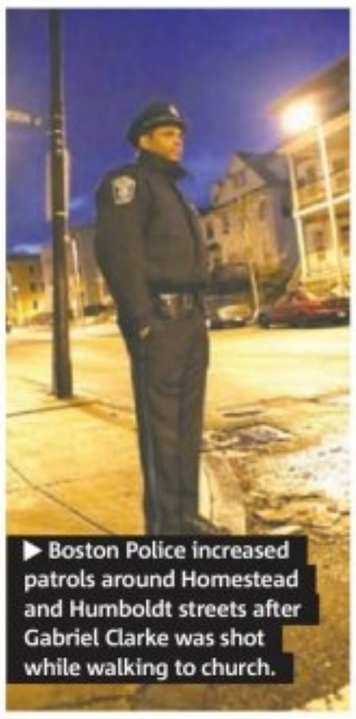

▶ Boston Police increased patrols around Homestead and Humboldt streets after Gabriel Clarke was shot while walking to church.

Police are still searching for the gunman who seriously wounded a teenager heading to choir practice at his Roxbury church Friday night.

The boy, identified by family members and church leaders as Gabriel Clarke, was shot in the stomach, according to the Globe.

A Boston police spokesman said yesterday afternoon that no arrests had been made and that police are still asking for the community's help in locating a suspect.

Police responded to the corner of Homestead Street and Humboldt Avenue just after 7 p.m.

There they found the 13-year-old suffering from a gunshot wound.

He was rushed to Boston Medical Center with what appeared to be life-threatening injuries, police said.

Doctors were able to treat Clarke and his condition was upgraded to critical but stable, police said.

Clarke's mother told the Globe that she was at her own choir practice at Berea Seventh Day Adventist Church and noticed her son was late.

She sent him a text message and shortly after got a call from police.

Clarke's shooting prompted a call for prayers from the faith community for Clarke's recovery and for peace.

There were 207 nonfatal shootings in Boston last year, according to police statistics. That number is three shy of the 2011 total. METRO/MN

Got info?

Boston police are still searching for the gunman.

- Anyone with information can call **617-343-4470.**
- People can also text "tip" to **27463 (crime).**

Brighton man living with cerebral palsy to climb Kilimanjaro for charity

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

▶ From left, Brian Baldeck, Austin Whipple, Phillip Berenz and Jared Villemaire will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro next month to raise $30,000 for cerebral palsy treatment.

In less than a month, Phillip Berenz, 28, will climb Mount Kilimanjaro to help Boston-area people who, like him, are living with cerebral palsy.

"This is the first time I've every done anything like this. But I've worked really hard to get to a place where I can help others," said Berenz, a resident of Brighton and co-founder of Climb for Cerebral Palsy.

On Feb. 6, Berenz and three of his rock-climbing buddies will ship out to Tanzania, where they will battle the 19,341-foot volcanic mountain.

The charity has raised $30,000 for United Cerebral Palsy of Metro Boston, a nonprofit that provides services to people with cerebral palsy and similar disabilities.

After the climb, Berenz will have the distinction of being the third person with Cerebral Palsy to climb Kilimanjaro.

"My goal is to show people that we all have the ability to make a change in this world and go out and help others," he said.

Berenz was born nearly three months premature and, due to complications at birth, suffered hypoxia.

At 18 months he was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, which affects the right side of his body — mainly his right leg. Berenz said he is able to take on the climbing challenge thanks to years of physical therapy and a crucial surgery he received at eight years old. Berenz's teammate Austin Whipple said he is "a little nervous, but excited" about the challenge.

"It's been a long build up, but it's a great opportunity to raise money for people who aren't as fortunate as [Berenz] has been with his recovery," said Whipple.

After months of training at rock gyms and a trip to Colorado to hike a 14,000-foot-mountain, Berenz hopes the weeklong trek will go off without a hitch and inspire people living with disabilities.

"As a kid my balance was horrible. I always fell, but I learned to always get up. Now it's engrained in me," he said. "The climb is about the idea of never giving up and always pushing forward."

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Conquering Kilimanjaro

The dormant volcanic mountain in Tanzania is 19,341 feet above sea level, the highest in Africa.
The climb will kick off on Feb. 9. The entire hike from the base camp to the summit will take seven days, five days up and two days down.
METRO/MR

In the news

Duck hunting prompts plant probe

PLYMOUTH. Duck hunters near the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station prompted an investigation over the weekend.

The power plant declared an "unusual event" just before 10 a.m. Saturday for security reasons, according to The Enterprise. Notification of an "unusual event" is a classification used by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and is the lowest of four levels. The alert was canceled about an hour later once the suspicious activity was determined. METRO

Whale spotted in Plymouth Harbor

PLYMOUTH. The sighting of a North Atlantic right whale and her calf in Plymouth Harbor on Saturday was months ahead of when observers typically first see the whales.

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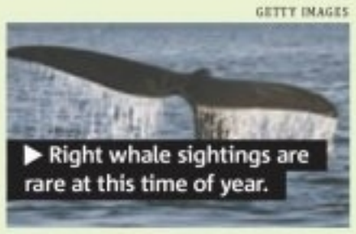

▶ Right whale sightings are rare at this time of year.

The spotting was reported Saturday by the Provincetown Center for Cooastal Studies, according to the Globe. Pregnant right whales are usually found in the waters of Georgia and Florida at this time of year to give birth. They typically return to the feeding grounds in this area in April. METRO

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In the news

Boston plastic surgeon offers to fix up faces of Houston Texans' wives

A Boston plastic surgeon this past weekend extended an offer to the wives of Houston Texans as their husbands were in town facing off against the New England Patriots – complimentary advice on how to fix their faces.

Dr. Jeffrey Spiegel, also a Boston University professor, said he would give the women a free plastic surgery consultation so they can compete with Gisele Bundchen, the supermodel wife of Patriots quarterback Tom Brady.

"Everyone is saying the Texans are undermatched in football, but the wives are also up against arguably the most beautiful women in the world, including Tom Brady's wife Gisele," Spiegel said in a statement.

▶ How do you compete with this?

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Spiegel insisted the offer was not meant to insult any of the players on the Houston Texans or their wives: "I really haven't even seen them," he said. "I just know that they're being compared to Gisele and the other stunning Patriots' wives. They are a tough group to compete against in any way."

There was no word yesterday on whether any of the Houston wives took him up on the offer. METRO/MR

Bare-legged and brave

A throng of people turn out for 6th annual No Pants Subway Ride

Boston University student Katie Griswold looked apprehensive yesterday as she stood in Dewey Square among a crowd of MBTA riders who, like her, would soon take off their pants.

The 18-year-old was facing her fears to check off an item that's been on her bucket list since she was in grade school — participating in a No Pants Subway Ride.

"It's just a dorky, fun thing that I've wanted to do since I was 15," said Griswold, who had little luck wrangling up her friends. "I decided to do it anyway. I'm a little nervous, but I'm on a mission to be comfortable with being uncomfortable."

Around 1:45 p.m., groups were dispatched to South Station, where they would hop on an outbound Red Line and nonchalantly drop their trousers.

Sergio Mazon and Rob Wilson looked more than comfortable as they stuffed their pants into shopping bags and settled into their seats. Decked out in Bert and Ernie shirts and hats — complete with a rubber ducky — the pantless pair was hard to miss.

"I love people's reactions. They have no idea what's going on. They look at you with surprise, with disgust, with curiosity, and we just keep going about our business, like, 'Hey, we're just riding the subway."

MAZON

"It's so much fun. I'm very confident. I'm just glad it's not cold," said Mazon, who said it was his third year participating in the annual event. "I love people's reactions. They have no idea what's going on. They look at you with surprise, with disgust, with curiosity, and we just keep going about our business, like, 'Hey, we're just riding the subway.'"

A nearby straphanger, who went only by Meryl, grinned and snapped a photo.

It was her first run-in with the event.

"I enjoy the No Pants Subway Ride," she said. "I am surprised, but not alarmed."

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▶ Some participants donned costumes, but none wore pants.

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Markets hope DC has already learned debt ceiling lesson

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▶ Investors to Congress: Don't drop the ball this time.

The U.S. government is expected to bump up against its legal borrowing limit by March, and it would be hard to fault investors for feeling edgy.

The last fight over the debt ceiling led to one of the most volatile weeks in stock market history, costing the United States its top credit rating and pushing the government to the brink of default.

But this time around, markets are calm, with the benchmark S&P 500 barely budging on Friday after notching a five-year closing high on Thursday. Some investors seem to be betting that Congress learned its lesson from the bruising debt ceiling fight of 2011 and will choose compromise over market meltdown.

Lawmakers remain far apart in their views. Republicans want the White House to agree to deep spending cuts in exchange for raising the $16.4 trillion borrowing limit. However, some conservatives are warning against playing hardball with the debt ceiling. **REUTERS**

There's an index for that

Meanwhile, the CBOE Volatility index, Wall Street's preferred anxiety gauge that is known as the VIX, ended Friday just a few hundredths of a point from its lowest closing level since 2007.

States flirt with big tax changes

Hopes for overhauling the federal tax system are fading in Washington, but in some state capitals, tax reform experiments — some far-reaching — are fast taking shape. REUTERS

- Across the U.S. South and Midwest, Republicans have consolidated control of state legislatures and governorships, giving them the power to test long-debated tax ideas.
- **Louisiana** Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal called for ending the state's income tax and corporate taxes, with sales taxes instead.
- A similar plan is being pushed by Republicans in **North Carolina. Kansas**, which cut its income tax significantly last year, may trim further. **Oklahoma**, which tried to cut income taxes last year, is expected to try again.
- Cutting income taxes and shifting the overall burden to consumption via higher sales taxes is a long-standing goal of some tax theorists.

News in brief

Boeing 787 power system said focus of FAA review

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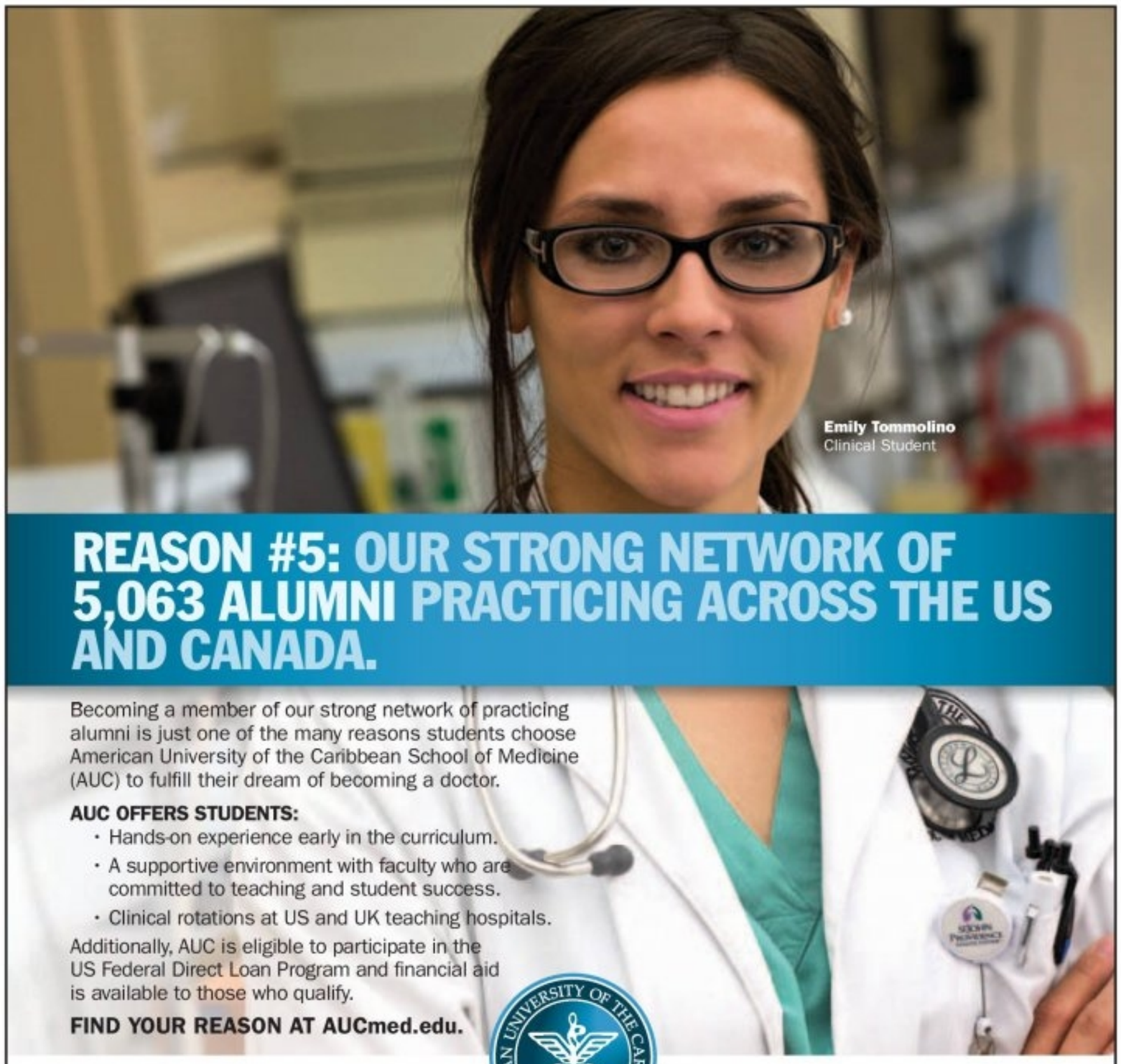
▶ A Boeing 787 Dreamliner takes off at Los Angeles International.

U.S. regulators said they will perform a far-reaching investigation of Boeing Co.'s 787 Dreamliner after a fire on a Japan Airlines Co. (9201) jet this week followed several incidents last year.

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration will undertake a comprehensive review of the 787's critical systems, which includes "the design, manufacture and assembly," the Department of Transportation said in a statement. The review is in addition to a U.S. National Transportation Safety Board probe of the Jan. 7 fire that the agency said caused severe damage to the battery pack area of the 787. **BLOOMBERG**



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No trillion-dollar coins; Obama gets fitness test

Debt crisis

▶ So much for the $1 trillion platinum coin idea.

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Treasury, Fed kill idea of $1 trillion platinum coins

WASHINGTON. The U.S. Treasury Department said it will not produce platinum coins as a way of generating $1 trillion in revenue and avoiding a battle in Congress over raising the U.S. debt ceiling.

The idea of creating $1 trillion by minting platinum coins has gained some currency among Democrats in recent days as a way of sidestepping congressional Republicans who are threatening to reject a necessary increase in the debt ceiling unless deep spending cuts are made.

The Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve, both independent of one another, each concluded this was not a viable option. **REUTERS**

Staying fit

Obama undergoes fitness exam

WASHINGTON. President Obama had a little personal fitness boot camp at the Pentagon.

Obama participated in a fitness evaluation at a Pentagon clinic, part of the periodic medical examination that is coordinated by the president's doctor.

He was at the Fit to Win Clinic inside the Pentagon. The clinic's website says its objective is to enhance "military readiness and civilian wellness through fitness, nutrition, health education and positive lifestyle behavior changes." **REUTERS**

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H.W. getting better

Ex-President George H.W. Bush may leave hospital soon

AUSTIN, TEXAS. Former President George H.W. Bush, who has been hospitalized in Houston since November, may be released from the facility in the coming days, a family spokesman said yesterday.

"We are hopeful that the president can be discharged this coming week, but we're still taking everything one day at a time," spokesman Jim McGrath said in an e-mail. **REUTERS**

In Hagel's corner

Hagel 'superbly qualified' to head Defense, Powell says

WASHINGTON. Former U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel, a twice-wounded Vietnam War veteran, is "superbly qualified" to run the Pentagon, former Secretary of State Colin Powell said in a television interview. Powell appeared on "Meet the Press" yesterday, rejecting criticism over a comment Hagel made about the "Jewish lobby" and a 2007 vote opposing the designation of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps as a terrorist group. **BLOOMBERG**

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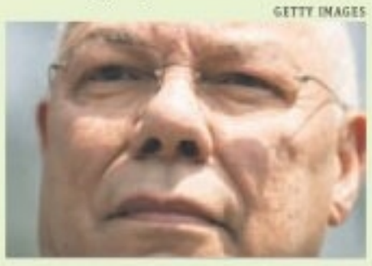

Nothing to sneeze at

Flu cases are widespread in US, some states improve

WASHINGTON. Flu is widespread in 47 states and deaths from the virus and pneumonia are slightly above the epidemic level, though some regions may begin to see fewer cases, U.S. disease trackers said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported 20 children died from the flu. The agency doesn't tally adult deaths until after the end of the season. Two children in New York have died from the flu, and more than 19,100 cases in the state prompted a public health emergency. **BLOOMBERG**

47 The flu epidemic is now is widespread in 47 states.

In the news

Armstrong to use Winfrey interview to admit to doping

PHILADELPHIA. Lance Armstrong will admit to doping during his cycling career in a television interview with Oprah Winfrey, USA Today reported, citing an unidentified person with knowledge of the situation.

The interview will be taped today at Armstrong's home in Austin, Texas, and broadcast three days later on the Oprah Winfrey Network, the paper said on its website.

Armstrong, 41, plans to say he used performance-enhancing drugs without giving any detail on specific cases and events, USA Today said, citing the person. Armstrong has repeatedly denied using drugs to further his cycling career. **BLOOMBERG**

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In the news

Survivors mark anniversary of Concordia cruise shipwreck

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▶ Costa Concordia

GIGLIO ISLAND, ITALY. Survivors of the Costa Concordia disaster and relatives of the 32 people who died returned to the Italian island of Giglio yesterday to mark one year since the ship capsized.

A boat ferried the visitors close to where the 950-foot-long ship hit rocks before keeling over on its side off the Tuscan island, where it still lies now.

They threw bunches of flowers in the sea and watched as a crane lowered part of a rock that was removed from the hull and has been carved into a memorial and adorned with a plaque, into the water.

Their boat sounded its horn 32 times to salute the dead. **REUTERS**

Bomb kills 14 Pakistani soldiers in North Waziristan

MIRANSHAH, PAKISTAN. A roadside bomb killed as many as 14 Pakistani soldiers in the northern border region of North Waziristan yesterday, a day after the Pakistani Taliban leader called for attacks on military in the area to stop.

21 Number of soldiers wounded in the attack

The explosion occurred on a road about 30 miles south of the provincial capital of Miranshah. A spokesman for the Mujahideen Ansar, a group dominated by Uzbek fighters, claimed responsibility. **REUTERS**

France bombs Islamist stronghold in north Mali

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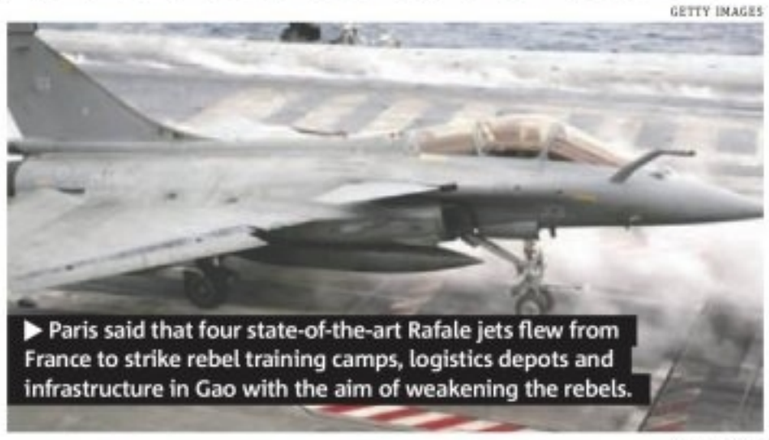

▶ Paris said that four state-of-the-art Rafale jets flew from France to strike rebel training camps, logistics depots and infrastructure in Gao with the aim of weakening the rebels.

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▶ French Defense Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian

French fighter jets pounded an Islamist rebel stronghold deep in northern Mali yesterday as Paris poured more troops into the capital Bamako, awaiting a West African force to dislodge al Qaeda-linked insurgents from the country's north.

The attack on Gao, the largest city in the desert region controlled by the Islamist alliance, marked a decisive intensification on the third day of French air raids, striking at the heart of the vast territory seized by rebels in April.

France is determined to end Islamist domination of north Mali, which many fear could act as a base for attacks on the West and for links with al Qaeda in Yemen, Somalia and North Africa.

France's Defense Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said French intervention on Friday had prevented the advancing rebels from seizing Bamako. He vowed that air strikes would continue.

"The president is totally determined that we must eradicate these terrorists who threaten the security of Mali, our own country and Europe," he told French television. **REUTERS**

'Operation Serval'

France has deployed about 550 soldiers to Mali under "Operation Serval," named after an African wildcat, split between Bamako and the town of Mopti, which is 300 miles north.

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What measures the best teacher? More than scores, study shows

Effective teachers can be identified by observing them at work, measuring their students' progress on standardized tests and asking students directly what goes on in the classroom, according to a comprehensive study released last week.

The three-year, $50 million Measures of Effective Teaching study, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, found it was hard to predict how much students would achieve in a school year based on their teacher's years of experience or knowledge of pedagogical technique.

"This should be a very big red flag to all those policy-makers who think they can have test-based accountability be half or more of a teacher's evaluation."

RANDI WEINGARTEN, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

But researchers found they could pick out the best teachers in a school and even predict roughly how much their students would learn by using a formula that equally weighed student input, test scores and detailed classroom observations.

Taken alone, each of those measures was fairly volatile. Judging teachers by student performance on state tests, for instance, turned out to be unreliable and inconsistent. Judging teachers by a principal's observations also didn't identify who could be counted on to boost student proficiency on state math and reading tests.

Combining all three measures into a properly weighted index, however, produced a result "teachers can trust," says Vicki Phillips, a director in the education program at the Gates Foundation.

The study comes at a time of bitter political wrangling over teacher evaluations in cities like New York, Los Angeles and Chicago — and provides ammunition for all sides.

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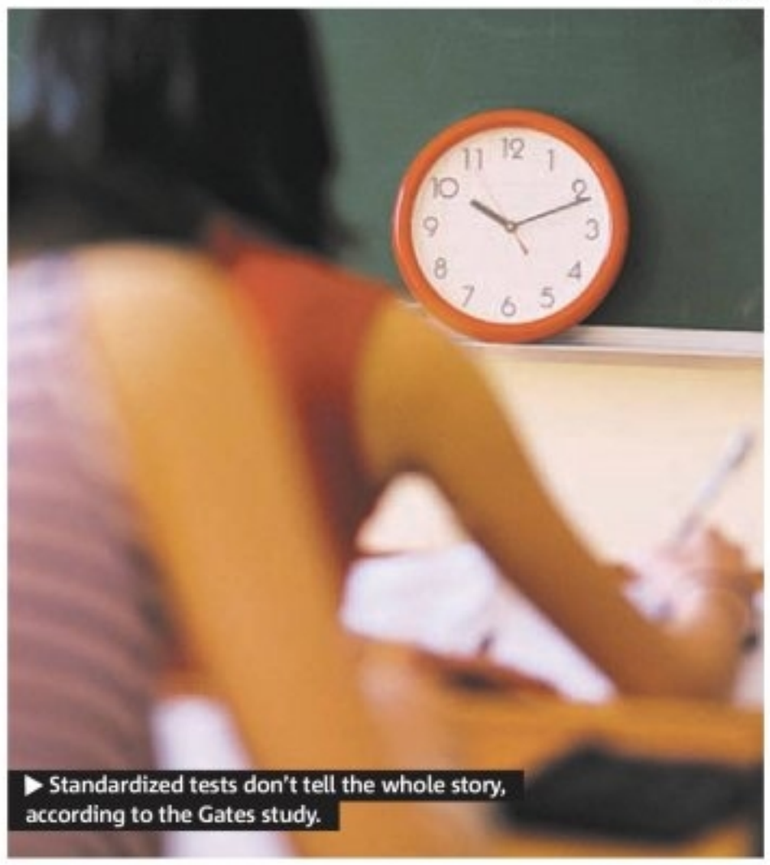

▶ Standardized tests don't tell the whole story, according to the Gates study.

Education reformers who have been pressing to dismantle tenure systems protecting veteran teachers from layoffs could take heart in the finding that seniority doesn't predict classroom success.

Yet the report also bolstered union leaders who argue that teacher evaluations shouldn't be tied so heavily to "value-added measures" — complex algorithms that gauge whether students do better or worse on state tests after several months in a given teacher's classroom.

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Scores across the states

The Obama administration has pushed states to give heavy weight to quantitative measures such as test scores in designing teacher evaluations. More than a dozen states have moved in that direction — in some cases making it impossible for a teacher to earn a good review if his or her test scores are low, no matter how well the teacher performs on other measures. States including Florida, Louisiana, Colorado, Michigan and Ohio have been particularly aggressive in tying teacher ratings to test scores.

Interview

The business of higher education

Texas A&M professor Vicente Lechuga is a leading researcher of for-profit higher education in the U.S. In 2005, he conducted one of the first in-depth studies of these schools, interviewing more than 50 professors at for-profit institutions across the country. The study, "The Changing Landscape of the Academic Profession," was re-released by Routledge in December. **BRUCE WALSH**

What did you find when you interviewed faculty at for-profit schools?

Their background was not, typically, in higher education. They usually came from the workforce, so the more hierarchical, for-profit model was something they were more comfortable with. I found a lot more top-down control at these schools. That's different in traditional institutions, where faculty have a lot of autonomy to determine how and what they teach.

Were their goals different?

A common motivator I found was a desire to provide students with real- world knowledge, not just the theoretical aspects of what they were teaching.

What do for-profit schools tend to do well?

They're very innovative in the way they deliver education. They were the first to offer online courses. When they first started doing that, many in traditional higher education sort of looked down on that idea. But now you'd be hard- pressed to find a traditional school without online courses.

What do they tend to do poorly?

There are major issues with for-profit graduation rates. There are, of course, many different types of these institutions. It's a broad spectrum, but overall it's problematic. Also, the loan default rates are much higher than at traditional institutions.

Do the research

Before signing up for any program, do thorough research about job placement rates. "Often, for-profits have been able to skirt the issue of reporting their numbers," says Lechuga. "Although, that situation has gotten better over the last 10 years."

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▶ Faculty at for-profit schools are more focused on real-world applications, says Lechuga.

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– Dorothy Robinson will return on January 21.

Brace yourself for a Britstorm

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▶ Relax, Britney — Vegas is the booze and glitter capital of the world.

Britney Spears is really on a makeover mission for the new year. After quitting "The X Factor" last week, she decided to further shake up her 2013 by ending things with fiance **Jason Trawick** over the weekend.

"Jason and I have decided to call off our engagement. I'll always adore him and we will remain great friends," Spears said in a statement that we assume was heavily edited.

Unfortunately, there's no head-shaving and car-smashing to speak of this time around. Sources tell TMZ that the reasons for the split are pretty normal by celebrity standards: Trawick was a little uneasy being an usher at the Britney Circus; the couple couldn't decide on having children; Britney Spears is Britney-effing-Spears.

So where do you go when you quit your job and your fiance in the same week? Vegas, baby. Brit's reportedly close to a deal with Caesar properties for a long-term gig. According to TMZ, the paycheck will be "astronomical," topping **Celine Dion**'s $100 million-per-year deal at Caesars.

How much do we want to jump in a red convertible with Britney and drive across the desert right now?

So much.

Gaga vs. the Osbournes

Lady Gaga has picked herself quite the fight. In an open letter to **Kelly Osbourne** — who is a commenter on E! network's catty "Fashion Police" — Gaga whipped out the B-word, calling Osbourne a bully on her blog.

"To see you blossoming into a beautiful slender woman who makes fun of others for a living is astounding. Why not help others?" wondered Gaga in one of the more annoying pieces of prose on the Web.

Now **Sharon Osbourne** has come to her daughter's defense. "You say [Kelly's] work on E! with the Fashion Police is 'rooted in criticism, judgment, and rating people's beauty against one another.' Welcome to the real world," the 60-year-old firecracker snapped on her Facebook page. "Example, when I saw you wear a dress made out of raw meat, I was sickened."

Listen, Gaga: Don't engage in an Internet fight with someone who has made a living being the craziest, scariest Osbourne. This woman's a survivor, and she totally wants your little dog, too.

You look pretty today, Sharon.

Count him as a reference

In a piece titled "Here Is What Happens When You Cast Lindsay Lohan in Your Movie," The New York Times called out **Lindsay Lohan** for being difficult on the set of "The Canyons." Now, **Grant Bowler**, her co-star in "Liz & Dick," is coming to her defense — kind of. "I never got yelled at," he tells E! Online. "To be completely fair to Lindsay, that did not happen. She didn't threaten me at all."

When you're Lindsay Lohan, "she didn't threaten me at all" is the equivalent of a solid LinkedIn recommendation.

Talking points

Wilde, Sudeikis making it official

▶ Too cute to fail: Wilde and Sudeikis

Olivia Wilde and "Saturday Night Live" star **Jason Sudeikis** are officially engaged, a rep confirms to People magazine. "They are so excited," a source tells the magazine. "And very, very happy." Rumors of engagement plans last month were apparently just a bit premature, as Sudeikis reportedly popped the question shortly after the holidays. The pair began dating in November 2011, and Wilde has made no effort to hide her affections for Sudeikis, telling USA Today that she fell "blissfully, hopelessly, wildly in love" with him. "We hold hands. I f—ing never hold hands."

Bryants work things out

L.A. Lakers star **Kobe Bryant** and his wife **Vanessa** are not splitting up after all. "We are pleased to announce that we have reconciled. Our divorce action will be dismissed. We are looking forward to our future together," Vanessa announced via her Instagram account. Kobe took to his official Facebook page to go into a bit more detail, writing, "I am happy to say that Vanessa and I are moving on with our lives together as a family. When the show ends and the music stops, the journey is made beautiful by having that someone to share it with."

Get ready to 'aw!' about Bradley Cooper

Bradley Cooper didn't have to worry too much about who to take to the Oscars now that he's up for Best Actor for his work in "Silver Linings Playbook." That decision was made a long time ago. "One night, when I started the profession, [my mom said], 'If you ever [get nominated for an Academy Award], I am the date,'" he tells E! News, adding that he has already informed mom **Gloria** that she needs to find a nice dress for the Feb. 24 event. "She was freaking out," he says.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

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My doctor told me that this flu epidemic is a lot like the Kardashians: It's not going away anytime soon.

@azizansari
Really cool of Justin Timberlake to play us all the albums he's releasing until 2016 at this mornings Illuminati meeting. Great stuff!

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GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS 2013

All of Hollywood was focused on the 70th annual Golden Globe Awards Sunday night as awards season kicked into high gear with the Hollywood Foreign Press' yearly party at the Beverly Hilton. While the TV industry enjoyed the limelight as well, the real question is how the night's movie winners will impact the ongoing Oscar race. Wins for Daniel Day-Lewis for "Lincoln" (Best Actor in a Drama), Jessica Chastain for "Zero Dark Thirty" (Best Actress in a Drama), Michael Haneke for "Amour" (Best Foreign Language Film) and Anne Hathaway for "Les Miserables" (Best Supporting Actress) certainly help their chances at next month's Academy Awards. But Ben Affleck, who won for directing "Argo," will have to be happy with the Golden Globe, as he was infamously shut out of the Oscar nominations for Best Director. But the "Argo" win for Best Picture - Drama could help its win in the tight, nine-way Best Picture race at the Oscars.

Jodie Foster, who received the Cecil B. Demille Award for her long career in Hollywood, used her acceptance speech to stun audiences by addressing her sexuality more openly than she ever has — without actually saying that she's a lesbian — while also taking the press at large to task for continuing to bring up the issue. "I already did my coming out about a thousand years ago in the Stone Age," Foster said. "If you had been a public figure from the time that you were a toddler, you might value privacy. I have given everything up there from the time that I was 3 years old."

The Hollywood Foreign Press made sure to spread the love around, celebrating "Les Miserables," "Silver Linings Playbook," "Argo" and "Django Unchained," with no clear favorite film. Quentin Tarantino took home Best Screenplay while Christoph Waltz earned Best Supporting Actor, beating out co-star Leonardo DiCaprio as well as "Lincoln" scene-stealer Tommy Lee Jones, who is considered the Oscar front-runner in the category. And Adele received her first Golden Globe for Best Song for "Skyfall." "Oh my God! Honestly, I've come out for a night out," the new mom said in an endearing acceptance speech. "I was literally not expecting this."

On the TV side of things, most awards mirrored last September's Emmy awards. Maggie Smith won for Best Supporting Actress for "Downton Abbey," and "Homeland" stars Damien Lewis and Claire Danes earned trophies, respectively, for Best Actor in a TV Drama and Best Actress in the same category. "Homeland" also won for Best TV Drama. HBO's "Game Change," about Sarah Palin's introduction into the 2008 presidential race, won big, taking home Best TV Movie, Best Supporting Actor for Ed Harris and Best Actress for Julianne Moore's depiction of Palin.

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▶ "Girls" on film: Lena Dunham, center, won some serious gold last night, along with co-stars Zosia Mamet, left, and Allison Williams. Visit www.metro.us for a full list of winners.

Surprise, surprise

There were a few shockers last night, like Don Cheadle's win for Best Actor in a Comedy for "House of Lies" — beating out Jim Parsons, Alec Baldwin, Louis C.K. and previous winner Matt LeBlanc — and first-time nominee Lena Dunham's win for Best Actress for "Girls." The frank freshman HBO series also took home Best Comedy Series on the same night as its second season U.S. premiere.

Fey and Poehler rule

This year's new co-hosts, Tina Fey and Amy Poehler, drew early raves for a lively opening segment that poked just enough fun at the attendees to make it memorable.

"Only at the Golden Globes do the beautiful people of film rub shoulders with the rat-faced people of television," joked Amy Poehler, who was nominated up against Fey for Best Actress in a Television Comedy. "I hope I win," Poehler told Fey. "Girls" actress Lena Dunham handily defeated both. The ladies also took a moment to poke fun at many of the stars in attendance. Among the best barbs was one directed at "Argo" director Ben Affleck. "His first two films were in Boston, but he wanted to film somewhere that was friendlier to outsiders so he moved this one to Iran," joked Fey.

Red carpet

1. Katharine McPhee, what nice, um, eyes you have. The actress, in a Theyskens' Theory gown with plunging neckline, said she wanted to be "sexy" this year. Mission accomplished.

2. The best accessory for these ladies? Their pre-baby body. **Claire Danes** wore red Versace and **Megan Fox** was in blush Dolce & Gabbana.

3. Kerry Washington, wearing Miu Miu, dazzled in one of the night's big trends: blush pink.

4. Jessica Chastain's hair inspiration? We're guessing Scarlett O'Hara. As for her "seafoam" gown, that'd be the work of Calvin Klein.

5. Benedict Cumberbatch gave Bradley Cooper some stiff competition for best hair

6. The puffy bodice on **Jennifer Lawrence**'s red Dior Haute Couture gown had some heads scratching..

7. Anne Hathaway's sparkly Chanel peplum isn't helping the pregnancy rumors.

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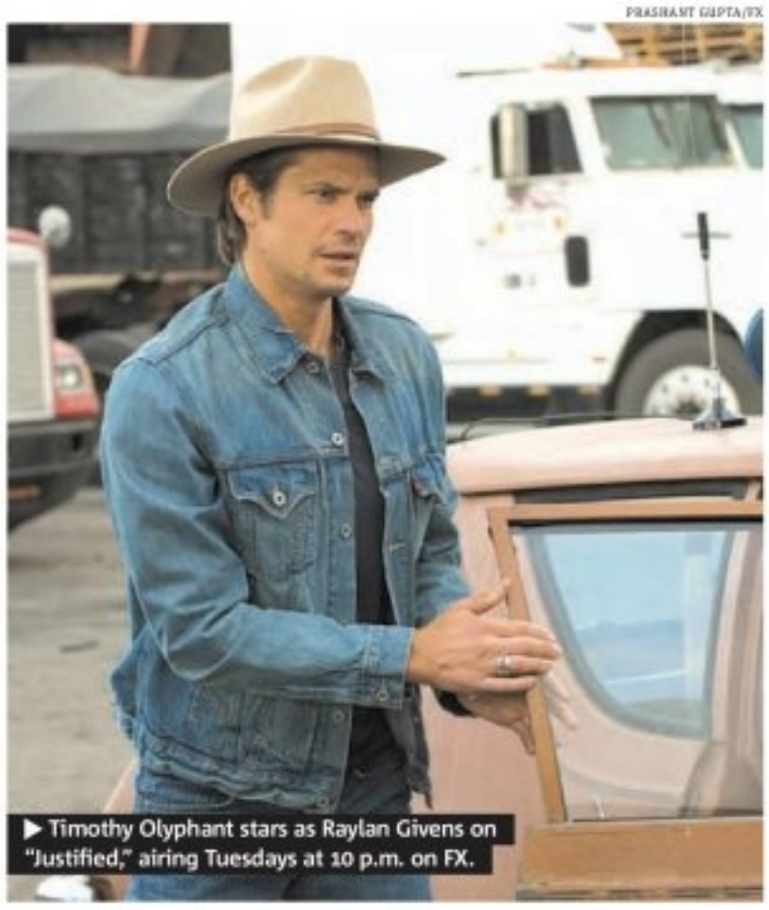

▶ Timothy Olyphant stars as Raylan Givens on "Justified," airing Tuesdays at 10 p.m. on FX.

▶ Season 4 brings new faces — and new trouble ▶ Timothy Olyphant, star and executive producer, on the challenges facing his US marshal

A new partner in (fighting) crime

Comedian Patton Oswalt joins the cast as Constable Bob Sweeney, an old classmate of Raylan Given's.

"I wouldn't call it a friendship; I'd call it a working relationship," Olyphant says of the pairing.

On the set, however, the alliance was much more chummy. "Patton Oswalt is money — I mean, that guy's so good," Olyphant says. "He makes it a little tough for me to get through a scene with a straight face, and yet he's so serious and fantastic."

Raylan moonlights as a bounty hunter

The marshal who grew up with crooks has always tiptoed the line between being a "good" and "bad" guy. That line gets blurred when he illegally takes a side gig to earn extra money for the baby he's about to have with his estranged ex-wife. "He seems to be walking right up to the edge now and then, and that's kind of the fun of it — watching how close he can get to that without crossing," Olyphant says of the lawman who bends the rules. "Others try to pin him down on who he is. ... Raylan refuses to allow that."

Raylan as a dad

Don't expect to see this guy spending a lot of quality time with his child, for one reason: "Little kids on the set — they tend to be a pain," Olyphant, a father of three, says. "And if they're not, their parents are. So, I don't see us having a kid on the show too much."

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And some things never change

As long as burgeoning crime boss Boyd Crowder (Walton Goggins) is around, Raylan is going to have his hands full in his hometown of Harlan, Ky.

"You're not going to get through the season without them hooking up," Olyphant says of the show's central antagonistic pair. "What we didn't want to do is just keep it on the same scene over and over.

"We're doing our best to try to keep the story both familiar but yet unexpected. Stay tuned."

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"[Raylan] seems to be walking right up to the edge [of good and bad] now and then, and that's kind of the fun of it — watching how close he can get to that without crossing." OLYPHANT

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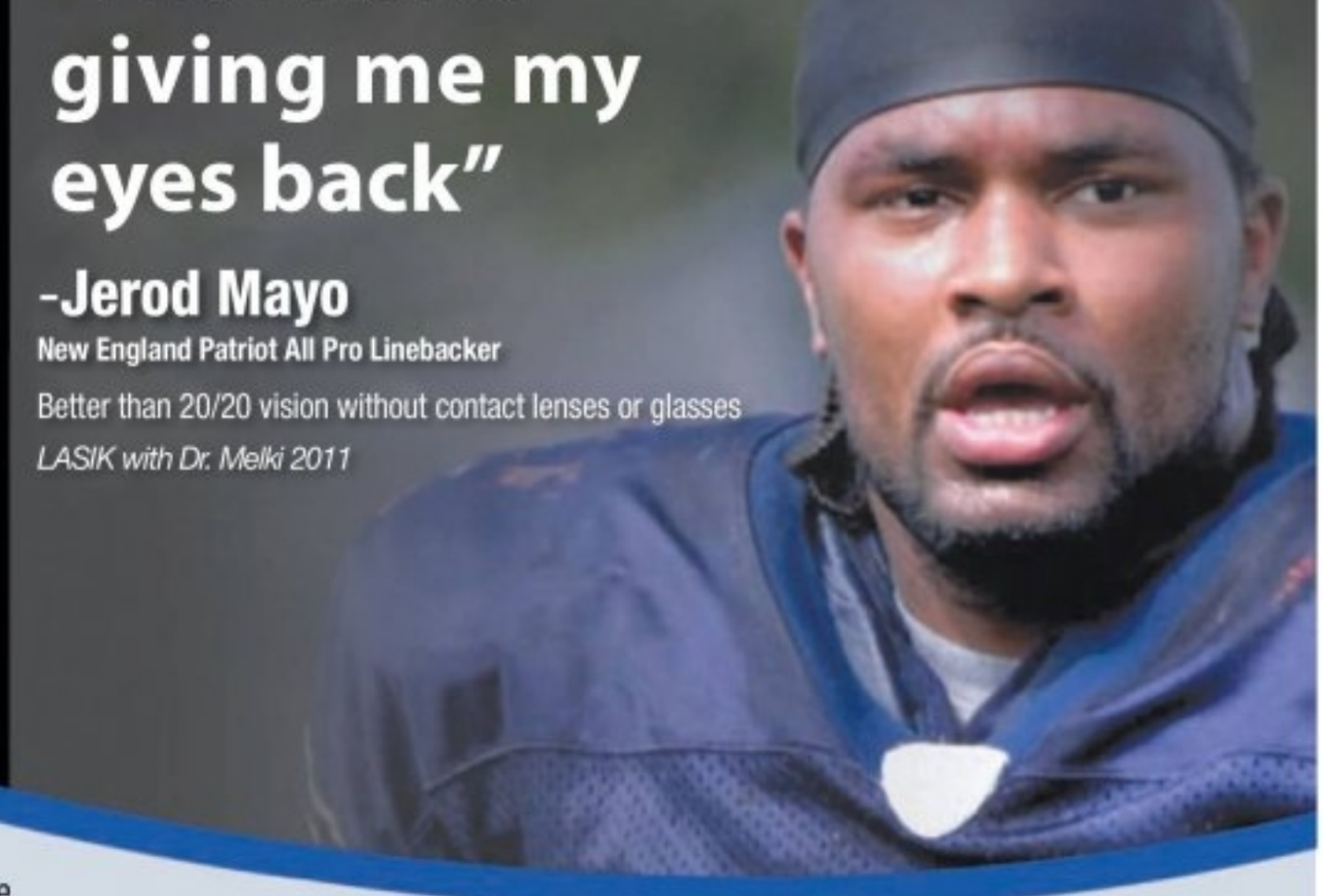

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RYAN GOSLING GOES GANGSTER

- How a scratchy wool suit inspired his latest character
- Which 'knucklehead' co-star kept him laughing

Ryan Gosling's character in "Gangster Squad" is a smooth-talking charmer who's quick with a joke. So it's not really much of a stretch for the actor. In fact, it's tough to get a straight answer out of him. For instance, when asked what was challenging about taking on real-life 1940s cop Jerry Wooters, Gosling offers, "It was challenging for me when I realized that I was not going to get a Tommy gun. I thought for sure I would have one. Instead, I got a little, tiny lady gun. So, that was difficult for me."

And what about the high-pitched voice he used for Wooters? Did that come from his research into the man himself? Not exactly. "That was more of a wardrobe issue," Gosling offers. And speaking of his wardrobe: "The wool was quite itchy, so I had a rash," he says. "I channeled that irritation into my hatred for the gangsters."

It might not be surprising to learn, then, that one of Gosling's main sources of inspiration for his performance was one of the era's most entertaining characters. "I always kind of admired how Bugs Bunny was not above dressing like a lady in order to get out of trouble," he says. "I thought that could be interesting in this in some way, this person trying to make [himself] inconspicuous. But I also was trying to relate to the idea that this is a real person. I think it's important to note that the man himself was a much braver, more admirable character than the version of him that I play in the film."

"The wool was quite itchy, so I had a rash. I channeled that irritation into my hatred for the gangsters."
GOSLING, ON HIS SCRATCHY WOOL SUIT IN "GANGSTER SQUAD"

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▶ Nothing kills like a well-dressed man.

Keeping tabs on Emma Stone

"Gangster Squad" marks the second time Ryan Gosling has shown off his onscreen chemistry with Emma Stone — they first romanced each other in 2011's "Crazy Stupid Love." The actor admits his patter with Stone works better for comedy than drama, which made their latest film something of a challenge. "I think it was hard for us to be serious. We had made this comedy together, so we were a couple of knuckleheads," he says. "We thought, 'This will be fun to work together again.' Then we had to try and be serious. I was trying to pretend like I was Humphrey Bogart or something. That kind of made it difficult."

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Box office

'Zero Dark Thirty' leads box office

"Zero Dark Thirty," Hollywood's retelling of the decade-long manhunt for Osama bin Laden, captured the No. 1 spot on movie box office charts over the weekend with $24 million in U.S. and Canadian ticket sales.

The movie starring Jessica Chastain as a dogged CIA agent edged out horror movie spoof "A Haunted House," which finished with $18.8 million, as well as "Gangster Squad," a period crime drama that finished in third place with $16.7 million from Friday through yesterday.

The weekend marked a strong start for Hollywood in 2013 after 2012's record-setting box office numbers.

Sony Corp's movie studio released "Zero Dark Thirty." "Gangster Squad" was distributed by Warner Bros., a unit of Time Warner Inc. "A Haunted House" was released by Open Road Films, a joint venture between theater owners Regal Entertainment Group and AMC Entertainment Inc. REUTERS

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▶ Katherine Bigelow, left, directed star Jessica Chastain in "Zero Dark Thirty."

Top 5 films

1. **"Zero Dark Thirty,"** $24 million
2. **"A Haunted House,"** $18.8 million
3. **"Gangster Squad,"** $16.7 million
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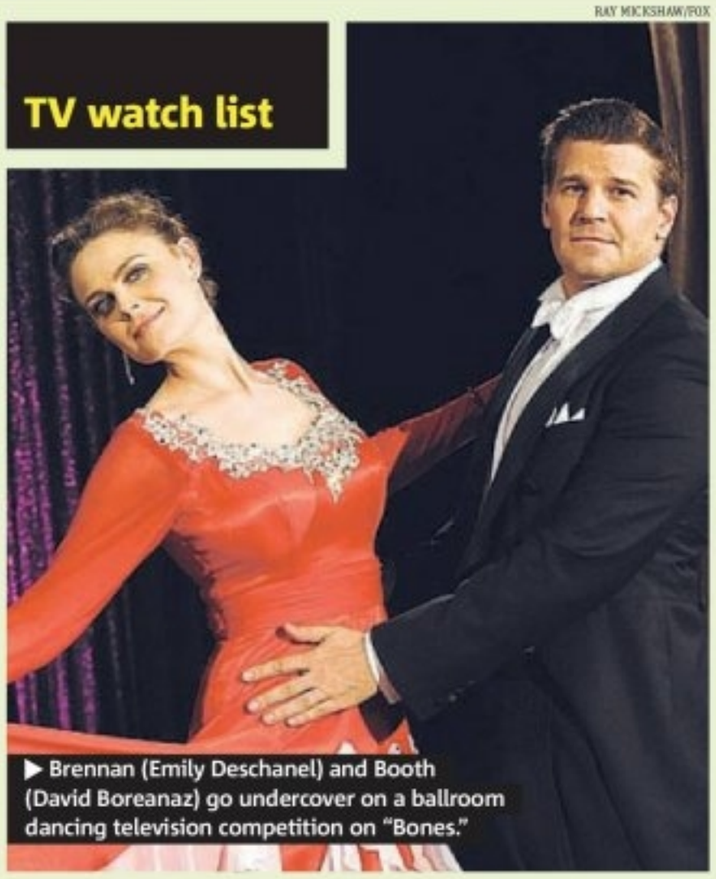

▶ Brennan (Emily Deschanel) and Booth (David Boreanaz) go undercover on a ballroom dancing television competition on "Bones."

'Bones'

DRAMA. Booth and Brennan go undercover on a televised dancing contest to figure out if the death of a ballroom instructor had anything to do with eliminating the competition for a disco ball trophy.
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Series premiere, 10 p.m., Destination America

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NBC launches its own answer to ABC's 'Revenge'

'Deception' creator sees her prime-time drama as the love child of 'Sabrina' and 'Donnie Brasco'

Murder, wealth, scandal, double-crossing and double identities. It's the stuff that has made "Revenge" a guilty-pleasure hit for ABC, so no one could blame NBC for wanting a piece of the action. But writer and executive producer Liz Heldens insists there was no directive to make a "Revenge" for NBC when she created "Deception," the network's new murder-mystery nighttime soap.

"No one said that," Heldens says. In fact, the show's twisty tale — of Joanna, an undercover cop (Meagan Good), returning to the wealthy estate where she spent her childhood to investigate the murder of a wealthy socialite — gets its inspiration from a finer pedigree. "I was sort of thinking about how could you do an undercover show with a female protagonist, and at the same time NBC was looking for a soap," Heldens explains. "And so then I sort of thought could 'Donnie Brasco' and the movie 'Sabrina' have a baby? And so they did. So that was how it happened."

Quoted

"As far as the mystery, I think the plan that we've always had in our heads is to reveal to audience who the killer is — and Joanna will probably have a pretty good idea [by the end of the first season]. And the second season is about proving it." HELDENS

The material was juicy enough to attract Victor Garber back to television. The veteran stage actor, currently receiving raves on the big screen in "Argo," is always up for playing characters with a secret, as he proved in his run on "Alias" for five seasons.

▶ "Deception," starring Meagan Good and Victor Garber, airs Mondays at 10 p.m. on NBC.

WILL HART/NBC

"You know, to me, acting was always about revealing what's going on beneath, and there's always a subtext in every scene," Garber says. "There's always something else. You say something but you mean something else, and the great thing about 'Deception' and why the title is so apt is that nothing is as it seems."

Lying, after all, is what an actor should excel at, Garber says. "When I read the script, I thought, 'I understand this because I lie all the time' — not really, not really," he insists. "For some reason it just comes naturally to me, and I've always thought that's what acting was. Because ultimately at the bottom there has to be truth, and usually people are doing something and thinking something else. That's just the way I live, frankly."

Of course, kicking off a new show circling a central mystery — here the murder of socialite Vivian Bowers — doesn't come without its potential pitfalls, as writers behind shows from "Twin Peaks" to "The Killing" have learned the hard way. But Heldens knows where this story is going. "The plan that we've always had in our heads is to reveal to the audience who the killer is, and Joanna will probably have a pretty good idea [by the end of the first season]," she says. "And the second season is about proving it."

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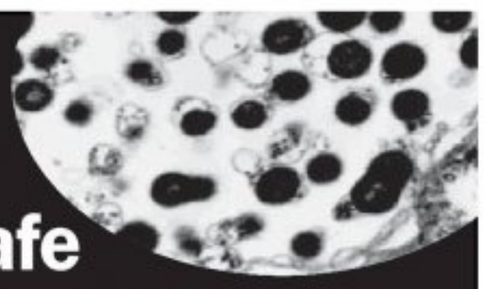

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THE NEW CARRIE

AnnaSophia Robb stars as a teenage Carrie Bradshaw, before she had sex or ruled the city
She opens up her makeup bag

In "The Carrie Diaries," the television prequel to "Sex and the City," AnnaSophia Robb stars as a 16-year-old, pre-Manolo, pre-Big Carrie Bradshaw. But unlike the fashion-obsessed icon she plays on screen, Robb has a low-maintenance approach to makeup and clothes. We discuss.

"The Carrie Diaries" premieres tonight at 8 on The CW.

Putting the makeup on ... and taking it off

"I don't really wear makeup anymore. ... I kind of stopped because when I'm working I have it on for up to 15 hours a day. So on the weekends or before work, I only put on moisturizer."

Makeup from the '80s — yay or nay?

"Eighties makeup was just a bunch of colors and crazy neon. I don't know if I love it. The blush was really strong and bright, and if you didn't have the skin tone to pull it off, it was way too heavy. But, if you put a piece of paper on your cheek to create that hard, drastic line, that look can be fun."

Her beauty mantra

"Look after your eyebrows! I was given an eyebrow brush on a job that I still use to this day. My friends make fun of me, but I love it. When I was younger, my mother taught me how to apply blush. Get it wrong and there'll be way too much color and you'll just look 'warm.' Using bronzer is best."

The secret to nailing Carrie's hair: a wig

"I naturally have straight hair, which takes about two hours to curl, so it's faster for me to wear a wig. Carrie wears a lot of updos on the show, so we've been able to use a lot of fun accessories: banana clips and pins."

If she could raid one 'SATC' closet she'd choose ...

"Carrie's — I loved the skirts. She has a wild sense of style."

Romina McGuinness
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Her beauty must-haves:

Bare Minerals Original SPF 15 Foundation: "I don't like wearing makeup on my face. But when I do, I don't want anything heavy, so I use powder foundation." $27, www.bareescentuals.com

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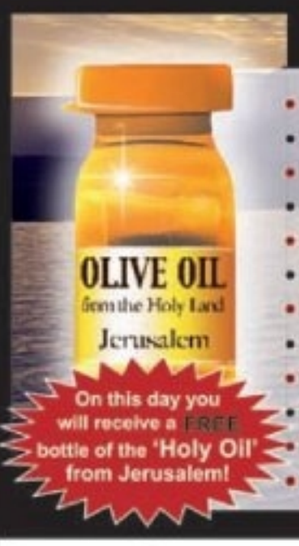

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Ford hiring 2,200 US staff members as vehicle lineup expands

Ford Motor Co. plans to fill 2,200 white-collar positions this year in product development and other units based in the United States as the automaker expands and updates its vehicle lineup worldwide.

About 75 percent of the jobs will be in engineering, manufacturing and information technology, Ford said in a statement on Friday, describing this as its largest increase in new salaried positions in more than a decade.

"As we expand our product lineup of fuel-efficient vehicles, we need more people in critical areas," said Joe Hinrichs, head of Ford's North and South American operations.

The 2,200 new salaried workers expected this year are in addition to more than 8,100 hourly and salaried workers Ford hired in the U.S. last year. About 1,000 were hourly jobs recently brought in-house that were once performed in other locations or by Ford suppliers in Mexico and Japan.

In 2011, Ford and the United Auto Workers union struck a deal that would require the automaker to create or retain 12,000 U.S. hourly jobs by 2015. On Friday, Ford said it had fulfilled half of that commitment.

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The number hourly and salaried workers Ford hired in the U.S. last year.

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▶ Your cover letter should tell employers more than your daily tasks. Let them know what makes you the ideal candidate.

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Simple ways to make your application stand out

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Lose your laundry lists
Why does your résumé include laundry lists of each daily task you performed for all the jobs you've ever had? If you were a part-time receptionist, anyone who looks at your résumé will know that you answered the phone. What made you good at this job? How did you stand out?

Candidates should always pitch themselves as achievers as opposed to doers. Make accomplishments the focal point of your resume and cover letter — and cut out the rest.

Stop the résumé firing squad
We all know the drill: Modify a few résumé buzzwords, change the company name and job title on your cover letter and fire off multiple applications into cyberspace.

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3 Job opportunities to watch in 2013

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Some industries, such as health care, will always be booming. Other paths are not as obviously fruitful. "Predicting job growth is like predicting where tornadoes will form," says Rich Milgram, CEO of the job-posting website Beyond.com. "You can have all the charts and data in the world, but it's not an exact science." Milgram says it's all about "looking for trends that can help inform how the job market will fare long-term." We got some help from industry insiders.

The industry: Real estate
"Even after five years of a challenging real estate market, employees of real estate companies are extremely happy with their jobs," says Doug Claffey, CEO of Workplace Dynamics. "The entrepreneurial nature of the industry gives employees a great deal of control over their own destinies and success."

The industry: Retail
Talent acquisition company iCIMS pores over data to learn who's receiving the most applications and doing the most hiring.

"At the end of 2012, iCIMS evaluated the data and noted which industries were experiencing an increase in applicant submissions for open positions," says CEO Colin Day. "Retail, transportation and health care all received the largest number of open position applications, with retail ahead in the volume of submissions."

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▶ Even in a difficult economy, real estate agents have control over their earnings.

The industry: Biosciences
While 2013 might not be a big year for biosciences and pharmaceuticals it's an area worth watching. "We don't think there's much room for growth with the large pharmaceutical companies now," says Chuck Pappalardo, managing director of Trilogy Search. "This sector is too important for us not to keep a close eye on it, but the coming year — and possibly even the next five years — won't be its finest hour."

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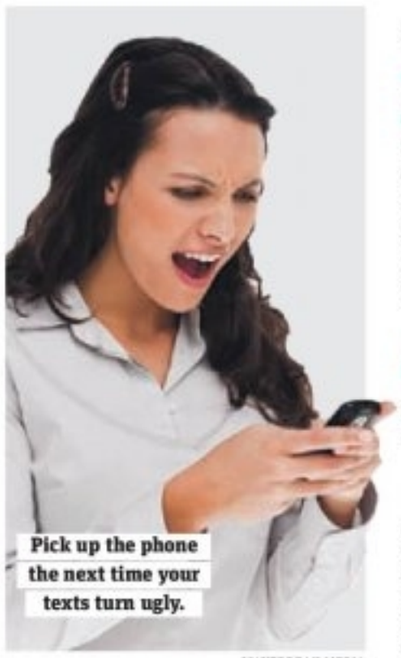
The question: I got into an argument via text messaging with a close friend. When it was over, I felt exhausted and unsettled. Advice?

As someone who is all thumbs with my thumbs, I'm always amazed that people have the digital dexterity to carry on a reasonably coherent text dialogue for longer than two minutes. But personal challenges aside, texting is not the way to negotiate a relationship.

As texting becomes second nature, it's worth noting that human beings were designed to connect with each other on many different levels. UCLA professor Albert Mehrabian found that 58 percent of communication is through body language; 35 percent through vocal tone, pitch and emphasis; and a mere 7 percent through content of the message.

We all know that good communication is the cornerstone of relationship. So why attempt to resolve a disagreement using only 7 percent of your full expressive potential? Would you run a marathon with 7 percent of your physical strength or take an important test with 7 percent of your intelligence? Would you host a holiday gathering with only 7 percent of your house cleaned?



Pick up the phone the next time your texts turn ugly.

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There are reasons why someone might initiate a difficult conversation via text. Here are a few theories:

1 To avoid revealing vulnerable emotions. No one can hear the trembling or the anger in your voice in a text.

2 To protect oneself from having to hear another person's distress.

3 To have control over the conversation, including setting boundaries with difficult or verbose people. Sometimes this can devolve into manipulation, especially if one party refuses to talk on the phone.

4 To expend less energy. Texting requires fewer sentences than talking or sending e-mails.

I am not anti-texting. Like any technology, texting has its place — especially for a quick hello, simple banter or making plans. But your phone also has a numbers keypad. Next time you find yourself engaged in heated text warfare, I suggest you use it. Even better, discuss the problem face to face.

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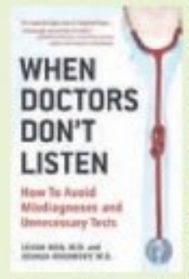

The importance of getting the correct diagnosis at the doctor's office can't be overstated. Without it you might not get the right treatment, and that could be fatal. Harvard E.R. physicians Dr. Joshua Kosowsky and Dr. Leana Wen talked with Metro about their book, "When Doctors Don't Listen: How to Avoid Misdiagnoses and Unnecessary Tests," which is hitting shelves tomorrow.

How can we tell if our doctor isn't listening?

Kosowsky: It's the same as at a cocktail party when someone is glancing over your shoulder as they are talking to you. If a doctor keeps interrupting, he isn't listening.

Wen: If your doctor goes through a checklist of yes or no questions, then he isn't focused on you. Pick up cues to refocus your doctor on you, not a chart.

LINDA CLARKE

If you go

- **Kosowsky and Wen discuss 'When Doctors Don't Listen'**
  Tomorrow, 7 p.m.
  Brookline Booksmith, 279 Harvard St., Brookline, 617-566-6660
- **Also: Thursday, Jan. 24, 7 p.m., Harvard Coop, 1400 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-499-2000**

Letters

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Put the US stamp of approval on carbon taxes

After asking at the post office to see the choices in "Forever" stamps, I bought the "Go Green" set. Each stamp has a piece of advice: Choose to walk, tide a bike, use public transportation, share rides, maintain tire pressure, insulate the home, adjust the thermostat, use efficient light bulbs, fix water leaks, turn off lights not in use, let nature do the work (with a picture of a clothesline), compost, plant trees, buy local produce, reduce bags and recycle more.

Well said. Too bad the post office can't add: "Lobby Congress to pass a fair but tough carbon tax."

PAUL EMILE ANDERS, VIA E-MAIL

Quoted

"It's time to close schools for one week to slow down and potentially stop the spread of influenza. ... And it must be done sooner than later. It will serve to inhibit the exponential growth of the virus. ... Please keep washing your hands."

MYLES GORDON, VIA E-MAIL

The tax man cometh — but only to the successful

Someone, please help me understand what happened to our country. We have more than 23 million people out of work. We have 45 million people on food stamps (EBT cards). We have 47 million people who contribute zero tax dollars to the federal government. We are $16 trillion in debt and climbing.

President Obama will not cut spending. The best solution to this nightmare is to raise the taxes on the wealthy — that will solve everything. Tax the only group of people that are successful. When you take away people's spirit to work hard and succeed, you quickly become a nation in decline. President Obama's plan is working.

JOHN MCLAUGHLIN, VIA E-MAIL

$16T The U.S. national debt currently is at about $16.44 trillion and climbing.

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You don't need guns as long as your security detail is armed and ready

I'm surprised no one has mentioned the hypocrisy of the celebrity "gun control" advocates. The same celebrities who advocate gun bans benefit from armed security surrounding them and protecting their mansions. Celebrity children also benefit from armed guards in schools while they criticize the NRA for wanting the same thing. And no gun control rally is complete without armed police protection.

ROCCO LORE, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Even though your instincts are usually good, you should rely solely on your logic today. This is especially true concerning anything that you're trying to promote or sell.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Unbeknownst to you, something opportune is developing behind the scenes that will most likely produce definite benefits. However, its full results won't be felt until later.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** An objective that you previously felt was important could begin to lose its appeal due to another aim that is now capturing your fancy becoming far more meaningful.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Whether you need to extricate yourself from a problematical arrangement or turn a losing situation into a winner, you have the ability to do either. You just have to believe in yourself.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Don't let your wonderful gift of being able to grasp facts quickly and accurately go unused. Mingle with people who can teach you what you need to know.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** There is no need to be wishy-washy about elevating your aim if that's what is needed. You'll never know how high you can score if you don't try.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Your first thoughts aren't always your best ones, so it behooves you not to jump to conclusions. Take plenty of time to weigh and balance anything critical or important.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Although you take all of your duties seriously, you know better than most that there's always the possibility for error. Mistakes could arise when working with someone who needs detailed help.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** A better understanding can be achieved with someone whom you haven't as yet figured out. Turn this acquaintance into a close friend by getting to know each other.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Even if it takes you a while to get into full gear; once you do, chances are you will accomplish something of tremendous worth that will make you and others quite proud.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** It might pay to set aside your usual agenda and give your mind and body a rest from all your worldly affairs. Instead, do something that's frivolous.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Your financial aspects look to be especially good. If you have anything important pending, this might be the day to try to close the deal, if at all possible. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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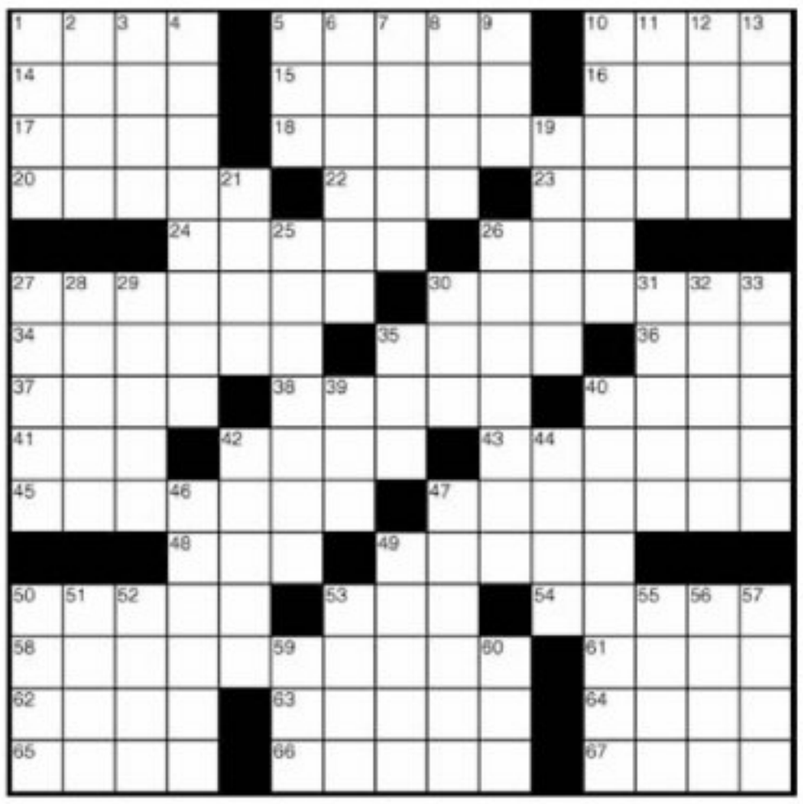

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Solution to weekend's crossword

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In the news

Falcons hold on
Atlanta came back after allowing 21 fourth-quarter points, including a touchdown with 34 seconds remaining to defeat the Seahawks, 30-28, on a 49-yard Matt Bryant field goal with eight seconds to play in regulation.

Atlanta was rolling, leading 27-7 with two minutes left in the third quarter but Seattle never let up.

Matt Ryan (above) threw for 250 yards and three touchdowns while his counterpart, Russell Wilson, tossed for 385 yards and two touchdowns. It was the first playoff win for Ryan. Atlanta will host San Francisco next Sunday in the NFC Championship game (3 p.m., FOX).

ON TV TODAY

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PATRIOTS 41 | TEXANS 28 **Next Sunday: vs. Ravens, 6:30 p.m. CBS**

▶ The Patriots are dancing back to the AFC Championship game.

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Bring on Baltimore

◗ Patriots set up rematch with Ravens with win over Houston ◗ Brady with most all-time playoffs wins by a QB ◗ Pats running backs step up

Three things we learned in the Patriots' 41-28 victory over Houston yesterday in Foxboro:

1 WIN IT ON THIRD DOWN
This game was largely won on third down, as has been the case all season for New England. The Pats are 7-1 in their last eight games. They've outperformed their opponents on third down in all seven wins. They did not in the loss to San Francisco. If Matt Schaub was able to make a few more connections on third down Sunday, the outcome might've been different. He rarely did until late, part of a 4-for-15 effort for the Texans. The worst of those third down attempts was a horrendous interception thrown in Patriots territory late in the third. Credit to Rob Ninkovich for playing coy and then pouncing on the pass over the middle, but it was Schaub who put the first nail in the Houston coffin with that pick.

2 STARS & SURPRISES
The Texans have a star in Arian Foster, but the collection of Patriots running backs has been solid in this matchup — and Sunday offered a breakout performance for Shane Vereen, who had three touchdowns. Stevan Ridley, Danny Woodhead and Vereen had 150 total yards and a TD in the Dec. 10 meeting and combined for 219 total yards and four scores Sunday. Looking ahead, Ray Rice outshined the Patriots collection of backs when the Ravens topped New England in Week 3. The Pats trio was just coming together then. Provided Woodhead is healthy, they're now a formidable unit. Wes Welker and Tom Brady do not need motivation, and the comments by Texans defensive coordinator Wade Phillips ("He's not that big or a real athletic guy") were so benign (except to the most overly sensitive fan base in America), so it probably had nothing to do with Welker's big game. But yes, Welker had a big game. His 120 receiving yards in the first half were a Patriots playoff record. The injuries to tight ends just keep on coming for New England, which continues to make Welker's already important role even more so.

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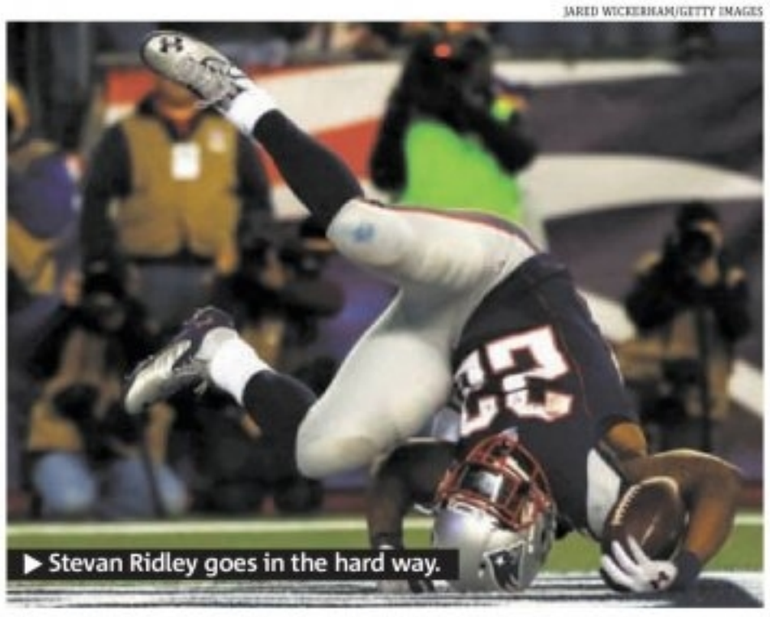

▶ Stevan Ridley goes in the hard way.

3 BALTIMORE IS BETTER
It was easy to dream of another Brady-Peyton Manning matchup in the conference finals, but the Ravens-Patriots offer up the best storylines in a rivalry that continues to blossom. This will be the first rematch in an AFC Championship game since the Broncos and Browns met in '86 and '87. It will be the seventh meeting between New England and Baltimore since 2007. Five of those meetings were decided by six points or less, including last season's title game in which the Ravens missed a field goal in the waning seconds. The only meeting that wasn't close was Baltimore's rout of the Pats in the 2009 wild card round.

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▶ Rob Gronkowski

Report: Gronk out for rest of postseason

Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski reinjured his left forearm and will miss the rest of the postseason, according to Pro Football Talk's Mike Florio.

Gronkowski caught a pass out of bounds on second down in the first quarter and fell on the arm, which was heavily bandaged. He originally injured the arm in a Nov. 18 game. **MATT BURKE**

The Live Feed

Metro's weekly running commentary on the Patriots:

6:48 p.m. EDT That'll do, Schaub. He throws an interception (first of the game) to Rob Ninkovich right over the middle. First career INT for Ninkovich in the playoffs. That was huge. Possibly the turning point.

6:51 14-yard catch by Hernandez.

6:53 5-yard TD catch by Lloyd as Brady threw a quick pass to him before Houston's defense was ready. Seven points after the Ninkovich INT — that works. Patriots in complete control, 31-13. Lloyd's first career playoff TD in his first career playoff game. 40th career TD pass for Brady, good for third all-time.

6:59 Texans will have 4th and inches when the fourth quarter starts. Good luck to Gary Kubiak in finding the right play on his enormous playsheet.

7:07 The Texans psyched themselves out there, throwing it on 4th and 1? Kubiak could have challenged the spot. Of course he didn't. This isn't a win or go home game or anything.

For the complete Live Feed, please see Metro.com/boston/sports

The not-so-long road to the Cup

Bruins with a whopping 17 games in March Metro breaks down the significantly shortened 2013 schedule

Boston Bruins

2013 schedule

- **Sat., Jan. 19, vs. NYR, 7**
- Mon., Jan. 21, vs. Win, 1
- **Wed., Jan. 23 at NYR 7:30**
- Fri, Jan. 25 vs. NYI, 7
- **Mon, Jan. 28 at Car 7**
- Tues., Jan. 29, vs. NJ 7
- **Thurs., Jan. 31, at Buf 7**
- Sat., Feb. 2 at Tor, 7
- **Wed., Feb. 6 at Mon 7**
- Sat., Feb. 9 vs. TB, 1
- **Sun, Feb. 10 at Buf, 7**
- Tues., Feb. 12 vs. NYR, 7:30
- **Fri., Feb. 15 at Buf, 7**
- Sun., Feb. 17 at Win, 3
- **Thurs., Feb. 21, at TB 7:30**
- Sun., Feb. 24 at Fla, 3
- **Tues., Feb. 26 at NYI 7:30**
- Thurs., Feb. 28, vs. Ott 7
- **Sat., March 2 vs. TB, 1**
- Sun., March 3 vs. Mon, 7:30
- **Tues., March 5 at Was 7**
- Thu., March 7 vs. Tor, 7
- **Sat., March 9 vs. Phi 1**
- Mon., March 11 at Ott, 7:30
- **Tues., March 12 at Pitt, 7:30**
- Thurs., March 14 vs. Fla 7
- **Sat., March 16 vs. Was, 1**
- Sun., March 17 at Pitt 7:30
- **Tues., March 19 at Win, 8**
- Thu., March 21 at Ott, 7:30
- **Sat., March 23 at Tor 7**
- Mon., March 25 vs. Tor 7
- **Wed., March 27 vs. Mon, 7**
- Sat., March 30 at Phi, 1
- **Sun., March 31 at Buf, 7**
- Tues., April 2 vs. Ott 7
- **Thurs., April 4 vs. NJ, 7**
- Sat., April 6 at Mon 7
- **Mon., April 8 vs. Car, 7**
- Wed., April 10 at NJ, 7:30
- **Thurs., April 11 vs. NYI, 7**
- Sat., April 13 at Car 7
- **Mon., April 15 vs. Ott 7**
- Wed., April 17 vs. Buf, 7:30
- **Fri., April 19 vs. Pitt, 7**
- Sun., April 21 vs. Fla, 3
- **Tues., April 23 at Phi, 7:30**
- Sat., April 27 at Was, 7

After having no NHL since last June's Stanley Cup Finals, the abbreviated 2013 regular season promises to be a complete blur. Better stock up on your Red Bull now to keep up with what should be an insane pace.

Each team will play 48 games in 99 days with the festivities kicking off on Saturday. The regular season closes on April 27, the playoffs begin on April 30 and the Finals can go until as late as June 28.

The most noticeable difference (besides less games) is that teams will only play against their own conference. That means the Bruins play 18 games against rivals in the Northeast Division (five vs. Buffalo and Ottawa; four vs. Toronto and Montreal) and then 30 against the rest of the Eastern Conference (three vs. all of them). The B's open on Saturday night vs. the Rangers (7 p.m.) then host the Jets on Monday afternoon (1 p.m.), Martin Luther King Day. Their first road game is on Jan. 23 at the Rangers.

Boston has a chance to get off to a fast start since five of its seven games in January are at TD Garden. On Jan. 29 they host the Devils, who won the Eastern Conference last season and lost in the Finals to the Kings. February is not so kind to the Black and Gold since eight of their 11 games then will be on the road including a five-game road trip (Feb. 15-26).

Thomas wants to play ... next year

Bruins goaltender Tim Thomas isn't expected to show up this morning at practice. If players do not report to Bruins "camp" by 10 a.m. today, they will be suspended by the team.

Boston general manager Peter Chiarelli isn't expecting the former Vezina and Conn Smythe winner to be present, but Chiarelli did offer an update on Thomas' status.

"Tim's not going to show up, and he's told us that he's not playing for the year and wants to play next year," Chiarelli said. "We'll end up suspending him, and we want to do it in a nonadversarial way." MATT BURKE

The first Bruins-Canadiens game is Feb. 6 in Montreal. I think the Habs are already on a power play in that yet to be played contest.

March is the busiest month for the Bruins as they play 17 games — that has to be some sort of team record. Of their seven back-to-backs, four of them occur in March. They host the Canadiens on March 3 then go to DC to face the Capitals on March 5 (the team that knocked them out of the playoffs last spring). They face the Canadiens and Capitals again in March (16 & 27 respectively, both in Boston) along with two games apiece against the Flyers (9, 30) and Penguins (12, 17). There will be no St. Patrick's Day home game/drunkfest at the Garden this season since Boston plays in Pittsburgh.

The NHL trade deadline is on April 3, while Boston plays eight of its 13 games in April at the Garden — including a four-game homestand (April 15-21), which is its longest of the season. The Bruins' last game in Montreal is April 6, and their final home game is April 21 against the Panthers. Boston closes out its regular season with two teams that they should be battling for playoff position with at Philadelphia on April 23 and at Washington on April 27.

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▶ Tyler Seguin is a fan favorite.

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In the news

Brady's legacy always on the line

ESPN analysts Tom Jackson and Ron Jaworski went at it in a segment on the network's "Sunday NFL Countdown" show yesterday regarding which player's legacy had more at stake in this year's postseason: Atlanta's Matt Ryan or New England's Tom Brady.

The discussion turned into one regarding Brady's legacy as a whole, and Jackson, never one to have been labelled "Mr. Foxboro," said the five words that sting the most around these parts: "Brady's lost two Super Bowls."

In most arguments regarding the "greatest QB of all-time," Brady's boyhood idol, Joe Montana, is the gold standard and unfortunately for No. 12, he will never be able to say he was "perfect" in the big game.

▶ Tom Brady picked up his 17th postseason win.

17 Brady now has 17 postseason wins.

Yesterday, however, Brady did trump the 49ers legend with his 17th career postseason win.

Brady now has a legit opportunity to match Montana and Terry Bradshaw for most Super Bowl rings, at four, if he can pull off two more victories this postseason.

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